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Dear Chairman Powell:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I want to express my appreciation for the special effort by the NeuStar staff to work with our staff and Commission to achieve a positive resolution to what has been a very contentious evaluation of our need to add a second Area Code in New Mexico.

Amid considerable controversy a few months ago, our Commission made the decision to add a second Area Code in our State during 2002. But your recent FCC decisions regarding number pooling and the potential inclusion of our largest City "Albuquerque" in the first rollout, have raised the possibility of a significant delay in adding a new Area Code for New Mexico. Our projected exhaust period has also been extended 15 months giving us some breathing room to plan how number pooling and other measures might impact our situation.

NeuStar staff members Brent Struthers, Joe Cocke, and Linda Hyman have been working with our staff to reevaluate our Area Code status. The three NeuStar staff also visited with us at our November 20th Commission meeting. They handled many tough questions and were knowledgeable, cooperative, and helped us define the information and options we need to reevaluate our earlier decision.

We look forward to working with your Commission in the future.

Sincerely,

Herb H. Hughes, Vice-Chairman
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